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EUR/PPD (LILLIAN DEVALCOURT)
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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP- NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR MR.
ERIC BERNIGOLLE - ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM.

REF:

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PROG-AGENCY-NAME:
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(Alternate)
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SUBJ-DISC: Peace & Security
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Eric
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Bernigolle
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: No
M-ADDR1: Senat
M-ADDR2: 15, rue Vaugirard
M-ADDR3:
M-CITY: Paris
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: France
M-ZONE: 75006
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: + (33) 1.42.34.23.26
M-FAX:
M-EMAIL: e.bernigolle@senat.fr
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 06/22/1966
MAR-STAT: S
BIRTH-CITY: Toulouse
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Adviser for European and International Affairs for the UMP
party Senate Group, since January 2003
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1996-2002 - Adviser for Legal and European Affairs for the
Centrist Union Party

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Morocco, the UK, Spain, Italy, Poland - vacation over the last
10 years
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
- 1995 - Graduate level degree in EU law, University of
Toulouse
- 1993 - Graduate degree in EU public law and EU affairs,
University of Toulouse
- 1992 - Graduated from the Institute of International Studies
and Developing Countries, University of Toulouse
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 3
ENGL-SPEAK: 3
ENGL-COMP: 3
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Spanish
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SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0

END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
Given these changes in the role of the French Senators and
their personal staffers, and given the Senate's growing focus
on EU Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Security issues, in which
it acts as the "unofficial" GOF think tank, we would think it
timely to nominate Mr. Bernigolle either for a European
program on Defense and Security issues or for a program on
U.S. policies.
If dates would turn out to be a problem, we would like to
suggest that Mr. Bernigolle be nominated for a single program
focusing on U.S. institutions in general, and on the U.S.
Senate in particular. French Parliament used to have an
exchange program with its U.S. sister institutions, whereby a
staffer of the French Senate or National Assembly would go on
a one-year internship in the U.S. Senate. That program has
been discontinued by the French at a time when the need for
such exchanges had become key for French Parliamentarians.
Both houses look to the U.S. as an example of the kind of role
they would like to play in French politics.
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END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Florence Radovic
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
We first met Mr. Bernigolle during a visit to the French
Senate by Robert Zoellick, USTR, in 2004. Mr. Bernigolle
caught the political and public service bug early and spent
five years (including 3 at the post graduate level) studying
political science, international affairs and EU public and
private law. Upon graduation, he was asked to join the
centrist party of the Senate to be their political adviser on
EU affairs. When the party merged with the larger center-
right RPR Party to become the UMP, he became the political
adviser on EU and Security affairs for a party whose
membership equals half of the 331 Senators.
Mr. Bernignolle is one of a handful of UMP advisers who are
"political" appointees rather than permanent staffers. His
role is therefore broader in scope than that of a more
technical permanent staffer. More specifically, he makes
complicated issues simple and understandable to all. Mr.
Bernigolle acts as personal adviser on EU, foreign affairs and
security issues to the Chairman of the UMP Senate Group,
Josselin de Rohan. The closeness of their working
relationship is key to our nomination since Mr. de Rohan has
slated his adviser for a much broader role in the EU Council
in a "political" capacity in the years to come. In the
meantime, Mr. Bernigolle would like to find out as much as he
can about Congressional control in the U.S. particularly
regarding the budget. The French parliament has attempted to
come on its own over the past five years by exercising its
full budgetary powers, but the process has been slow in
coming. The role and workload of French Senate has also
changed of late, leading them to set up teams of personal

staffers U.S.-style, something that would have been totally
unthinkable a few years ago.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ECON - U.S. Embassy Paris, France

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

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